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Let summer fun begin...
with golf cart rides!

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VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

Fulfilling the Promise

The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on ensuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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From the Administrator... Melissa Jackson



It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. The warmer weather is allowing our Veterans and Members to get outdoors more often. I enjoy seeing them move about the grounds from my office window.

As I write this, we will be restarting leave of absences/out on pass for our Veterans and Members. From the chatter around the facility, they are very excited to be able to go out for a car ride, for meals, and to visit with family at your homes. We should be starting group meals again by mid-June. These will be unit-based to start as we do not have any guidance that allows Veterans and Members from different neighborhoods to mingle together. When we receive this guidance, we will implement that change as well.

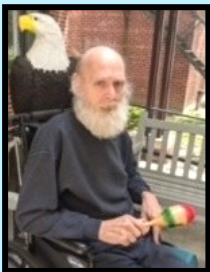
Right now, we are holding off on our usual summer activities such as the car show and picnics provided by the various Veterans Service Organizations. As the summer progresses and guidance changes, we hope to bring these events back to the facility.

Before I close for this month, I wanted to remind everyone that VVH has access to a Veterans Service Officer every Thursday. This individual is a retired Navy Chief and can help process VA claims for benefits, especially for illnesses that relate back to your time of military service. As with anything related to big government, the process can be complicated and I cannot provide just a list of illness that may qualify your loved one for additional income from the VA. If you have questions about your loved one's eligibility for VA Benefits, please call Thomas Jackson at 802-753-7720 or send an email to vtvet4vets@gmail.com anytime! There is no cost to the services provided.

Enjoy your summer. I hope to see you soon.

Take care,
Melissa

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*From the Deputy Administrator,
Asa Morin*



It has been an exciting month as we continue to increase visitation hours and allow families to take their loved ones out on pass.

Additionally, Chaplain Coonradt and Father Holden are now providing one-on-one visits to Veterans and Members on Wednesday mornings. Each week they are visiting a different neighborhood. Church services are still filmed weekly and played on TouchTown, the VVH TV channel.

Care Plan meetings continue to be held virtually. You can request the Teams invitation or call-in number from your loved one's social worker. If you prefer to be with your loved one during their care plan, please notify their social worker. You may come in for a visit at the time of the care plan and be present with them either in their room or the visitation room. You will be provided with a computer to participate in the meeting.

Lastly, it was an honor being present for the Vermont National Guard send off on May 10th. Members of the Bravo Troop (Black Jack) of the 1st Squadron, 172nd Cavalry Mountain Regiment, have been deployed for one year to the European Republic of Kosovo.

Many of our Veterans and Members were outside waving flags and sending well wishes as the convoy passed through the Veterans' Home.

-Asa Morin, COO

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Thank you to Mary Morrissey,
State Representative, who
organized the honorary send-off
for the National Guard troops
deployed to Kosovo.

Many service organizations,
the community, Veterans and
Members of the VVH watched



as Bravo
Troop
boarded the
bus to fulfill
their
assignment.



Nursing Home Week (May 10-May 14, 2021)

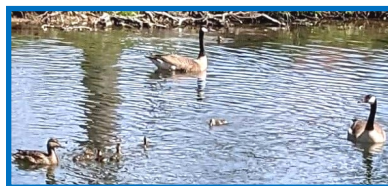
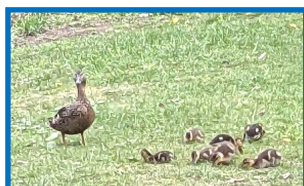


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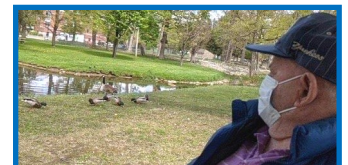


Jacob shows his HULA moves to his students

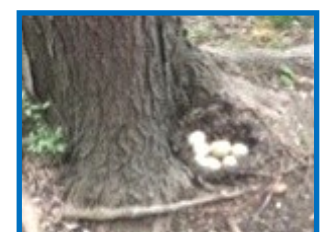
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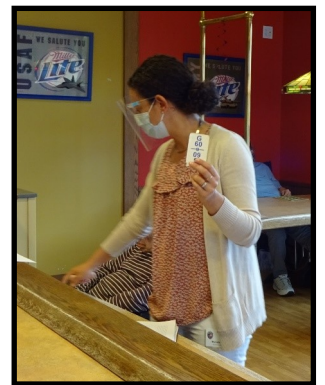


WE  OUR
ANIMALS!



Mama duck and her 8 eggs





Kickball

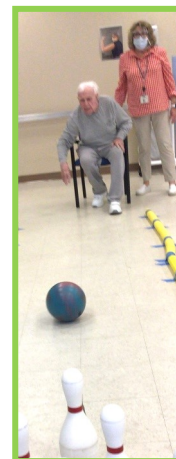
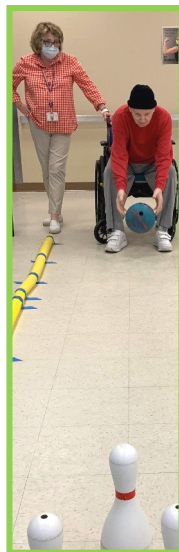
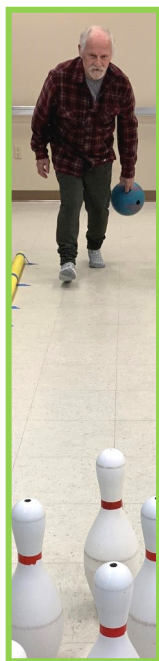


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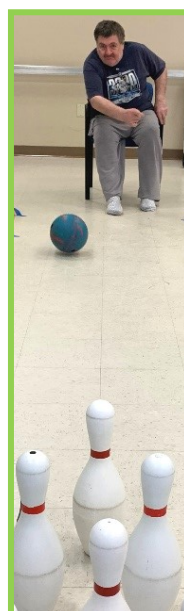
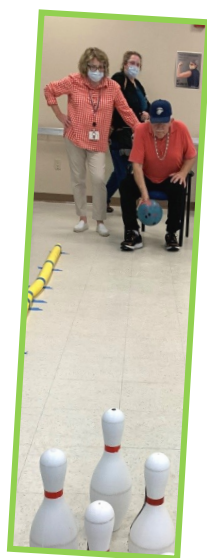
CARDINAL POINT BOWLING



It's not how you
BOWL...



it's how you
ROLL!



On behalf of the Veterans and Members,
we sincerely thank the following for their
generous donations:

Daughters of Isabella- St. Ann Circle #1401

Hannaford Community Bag Program

Sons of the American Legion Arlington Squadron #69

Joel Whiting

George & Andrea Lenhardt

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William "Bill" Hartz

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #69- Arlington

In Loving Memory of Edna Winslow

American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit #90

Where do sheep go on vacation?

To the baa-hamas!



* Joke provided by B. Bardsley *



Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #13
for getting these Mother's Day gifts together from
the Community and delivering them.
What a SWEET treat!

VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

Nursing

Donna Richards— 19 years

Rachel Starr— 10 years

Jamie Sherman— 3 years

Gloria Johnson— 6 years

Bonnie Sauer— 31 years

Bobbie-Joe Becker— 10 years

Patricia Babcock— 14 years

Sarah Mattison— 4 years

Social Services

Darcy Volkmer— 2 years

Kelly Hayes— 3 years

CHL

Patricia Parker— 17 years

Cindy Crawford— 4 years

IT

Scott Betit— 6 years

Finance

Tina Norman— 11 years

Maintenance

George Dickie— 3 years



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Kiauna Wait
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DONATION INFORMATION

Your donations are gratefully accepted.
Please make check out to Vermont Veterans' Home:

**Vermont Veterans' Home
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325 North Street
Bennington, VT 05201**

Please indicate to which
fund(s) you are donating:

Members Assistance:

Directly to Veterans/Members
Furniture, Haircuts, Clothing
Other personal needs

Namaste Program Fund:

Oils for relaxation
Supplies, Equipment

Unrestricted Fund:

Facility equipment
Large purchase

Activities Fund:

Entertainment

Music & Memory Fund:

iPods, Headphones, iTunes cards

NEW: Veteran's Mobility Trail

Monetary donations toward
a paved walkway around

VVH WISH LIST

I-Pod Shuffles
(4th Generation)



Newspaper Subscriptions
Bingo Prizes Crafts
Neck Pillows Stamps
CD Players I-Tune Cards
Body Pillows Costume Jewelry
Outdoor Benches
Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags

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**Your donations are gratefully accepted.
THANK YOU**

**Due to COVID-19, we are not able to
accept: books, CDs, puzzles or used
clothing. We will keep you posted when
changes are made. Thank you for your
patience and understanding.**

Scavenger Hunt

Try to find all items and enjoy this fun
hide-and-seek. Throughout the issue
are the following items :

Heart (x2)	Deer
Bowling Ball	Sunglasses
Flower	Moon
Sheep	Cat
Balloon	Egg
Tree	Red Sox fan

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Howdy Folks,

Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Hope it's not too premature to comment that God has the pandemic on the run. All indications are that Vermont (and even Bennington!) are showing improvement. Despite the progress we, our staff and residents alike, must continue to do our part to keep the statistics going in the right direction. Keep our hands clean, keep our distance, and wear those masks. Remember, God works His miracles through us.

Father Holden and I are now being allowed to enter one of the units each Wednesday to visit residents and rekindle friendships that were put on hold over a year ago. It was great to see and visit some new residents as well. We hope and pray that soon we can resume Mass and the All-Faiths Service in the Chapel. We've heard from several members of the Bennington area who want to know when they can start attending Church services in the Chapel. Please continue to pray that soon this whole situation will be history.

We will soon celebrate Memorial Day, a day to remember Veterans of all wars. We want our Veterans here at the Vermont Veterans' Home to know they are remembered every single day, through the care of our nurses, doctors, activities staff, and every last person working here. We acknowledge that our freedoms are a result of your service and sacrifice. We owe you indeed.



Please pray for our troops recently deployed
and for their families left behind.

*God Bless,
Chaplain Ken*

Made With Love !

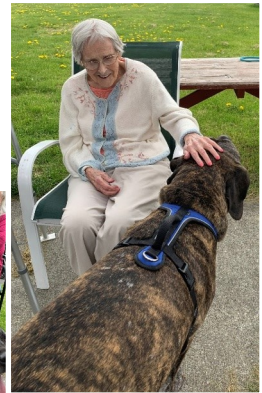




Some
Angels



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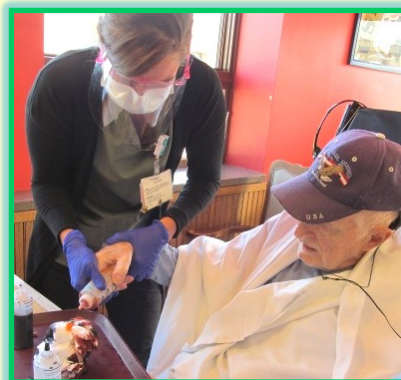
Wings



NORTH VILLAGE



Ring Toss
&
Tye-Dying!



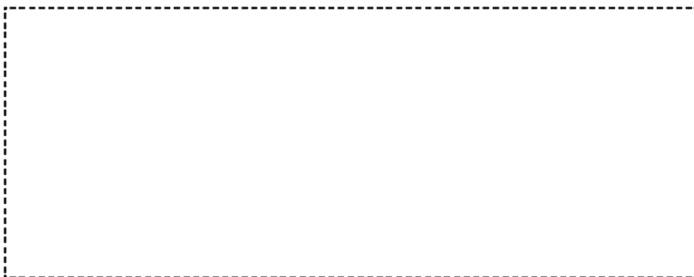


"Loved you yesterday,
love you still-
Always have,
always will"



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

"FULFILLING THE PROMISE"



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